

Bedfordshire Gardens Trust

Talk available:

Gertrude Jekyll in Bedfordshire

'The Tale of 2 Gertrudes'

2018 was the 175th anniversary of the birth of Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932) who created some 400 gardens. Her influence on garden design has been pervasive.

Although one of her brothers lived in Bedfordshire, Gertrude Jekyll only produced plans for one garden in the county at the Old House in Ickwell (1926-31). Two Arts & Crafts architects also redesigned the house.



When the owners moved, they created a new house with a Jekyll inspired garden at Ickwell Bury.

'The Tale of 2 Gertrudes' explains how an inexperienced gardener, Mary **Gertrude** Wells, learned how to make 2 Arts & Crafts gardens at Ickwell under the postal guidance of **Gertrude** Jekyll, the patient, inspirational, elderly expert.

A speaker can be booked for a donation of about £50 plus travel expenses

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